

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

May 19, 2011

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 1:00 PM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Rick Huntress, Chairman
Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman
Otis Speight, Secretary
Bobby Harrell
Kelly Hanson Floyd (Via Conference Call)
Nancy Banov

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Dr. Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy; Mr. Tom Waring, Associate State Director, Administration; Mr. David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

Guests

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 2 Coastal Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Chairman Rick Huntress called the meeting to order. Commissioner Otis Speight read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Commissioner Kelly Hanson Floyd gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission approved to amend the agenda for the purpose of removing agenda item 8A. Adult Day Health Care Services due to a pending lawsuit.

On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission adopted the agenda with the amendment. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2011 Meeting

Without objection, the Commission accepted the minutes as given.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Rick Magner spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

New Business

Commission Review and Standards/Guidance/Directives Related to Eligibility and/or Waiver Services

Commissioner McPherson stated she was concerned the Commission was being asked to approve waivers; however, they were not seeing information relating to changes. Discussion followed regarding the Commission's functions and responsibilities in day-to-day agency operations. Dr. Buscemi stated she reports to the Commission as a whole and needs guidance from the Commission as a whole. Discussion followed. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission approved to stay as we are now, to continue to follow the components of the governance policies and to meet to include all Commissioners and General Counsel with the Policy Committee to look at specifics of the Commission governance policies.

Financial Statement

Mr. Tom Waring presented the financial reporting process. Mr. Waring recommended to the Commission the agency follow the pattern we have in the past which is to present the spending plan to the Commission after the July work sessions and then present a mid-year update to the spending plan. After discussion, it was agreed to present a third quarter update as well and to post reports on the agency website after Commission approval.

Family Support and Respite Funds

Dr. Buscemi reported the funds the Commission previously approved to transfer from the debt service fund for the hundred percent state supported Family Support and Respite program are not being fully spent. She also reported the federal IDEA funds appropriated to DDSN that are aimed at children during the summer gap have been cut in half. She proposed using the Family Support and Respite funds to help in this effort. On motion of Commissioner Bobby Harrell, seconded and passed, the motion carried to allow providers to carry forward through the end of August any unexpended 2010-2011 Family Support and Respite funds they would normally return to DDSN to use for summer services targeted at adults and children.

Unfinished Business

Budget Update

Dr. Buscemi reported the Carry Forward Proviso 24.15 gives guidance on how to use \$11 million in one-time funds appropriated by the Senate Finance Committee to DDSN. Of the \$11 million, \$5.4 million will be used to cover on-going services of the department during FY 2012. She stated there is no change in the CMS administration or the OIG audit issues and we need to figure out the dollar amount these issues could bring before making recommendations for the \$11 million funds.

Dr. Buscemi reported the BabyNet Proviso is awaiting a vote by the full Senate as is a DHHS Proviso that addresses DHHS cost savings efforts.

Community Supports Waiver Waiting List Movements

Dr. Buscemi was happy to report DDSN received permission through CMS/DHHS to move approximately two hundred individuals to the Community Supports Waiver. Discussion followed. Mr. David Goodell will review the issue that was raised regarding loss of Medicaid eligibility when DDSN consumers transfer from SSI to SSDI benefits.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported the bill to remove the "R" word passed in the Senate and is expected to pass in the House by the end of next week.

Dr. Buscemi stated there was a positive article in the State Paper regarding the PDD Program.

Dr. Buscemi reported she continues to meet with the Advocacy Advisory Group most recently meeting this week. There are a number of organizations represented and they are learning about each other.

Dr. Buscemi stated that three of the recommended Commissioners are here today.

Dr. Buscemi reported that DDSN is moving up in our ranking in the Case for Inclusion UCP report. A more detailed report will be given at next month's meeting.

Dr. Buscemi stated that DDSN continues to focus on the movement of individuals to the Regional Centers. DDSN wants to be consistent with Olmstead and wants to make sure we are infrastructure-ready to support the needs of these individuals in community settings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Huntress.

Submitted by,


Sandra Delaney

Approved:

Dr. Otis Speight
Secretary

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A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 251
Columbia, South Carolina**

May 19, 2011

1:00 PM

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Invocation *Commissioner Kelly Hanson Floyd*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2011 Meeting
6. Public Input
7. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Rick Wagner*
8. New Business:
 - A. Adult Day Health Care Services *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - B. Commission Review and Standards/Guidance/
Directives Related to Eligibility and/or Waiver Services *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - C. Financial Statement *Mr. Tom Waring*
 - D. Family Support and Respite Funds *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
9. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Budget Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - B. Community Supports Waiver Waiting List Movement *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
10. State Director's Report *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
11. Next Regular Meeting Date (June 9, 2011)

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

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Attachment 1

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Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

1. Ralph B. Chumley Aiken Co. Bd. of Disabilities
2. Rike Moss Calhoun Co. DSD/B
3. Stephanie Williams Calhoun DSD/B
4. Betty Routh Steele Salisbury parent
5. Valarie Bishop DD Council
6. Fred Lynn Whitten CTR
7. Jacqueline Cole cutzi
8. LINDA VELDHEER DDSN
9. RICHARD WEEK 21
10. LISA WEEKS 21
11. KATHLEEN ROBERTS SC PROO - WHITTEN CENTER PARENTS CLUB
12. Christine Sharp Nominated commissioner
13. Leanne Johnston SC HSP
14. Bob Jones Attendale Barnwell DSD/B
15. Rich Magner Human Services Providers
16. CHUCK NORMAN BABCOCK ✓
17. D Sayers DDSN
18. Theresa Gault SC Mentor
19. Nancy McConville P+A
20. Elaine Mentor

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| 21. | Ann Dalton | SCDDSN |
| 22. | Kevin Yacobi | SCDDSN |
| 23. | Linda Bodiford | Coastal Center |
| 24. | Suzanne Johnson | Coastal Center |
| 25. | Richard Johnson | " " |
| 27. | Dore Epply | SCSCCP |
| 28. | Teri Todd | Bright Start |
| 29. | Mary Leitner | Rich/ly DSN Bd |
| 30. | Joyce Orr | BIA SC |
| 31. | Michael Lilday | Parent |
| 32. | Carolyn Hughes | Parent |
| 33. | GEORGE MAKY | SCDHHS |
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Attachment 2

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1. MarsLee Mikkell Parent / BIAS Board / THIG
2. Alice Shank Barclay Sidrans, Jr. / Ex Dir.
3. Elizabeth K Kearns Georgetown DSN
4. Dorothy Wagh Jepson
5. Lizbeth Britt SCODSN
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Attachment 3

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1. Ruth Thomas Darlington County DSN Bd.
2. J.R. Hittman SCDDSN
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Attachment 4

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1. John King DDSN
2. PAT FAGAN DDEN
3. Elaine Thena PC BIDSN
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Attachment 5

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2. Michelle Shaffer YCBDSN
3. Janile Fowler YCBDSN
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